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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

John H. Givens

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**For:** UTILIZATION OF ENERGY  
ABSORBING LAYER TO IMPROVE  
METAL FLOW AND FILL IN A NOVEL  
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Abstract** appear on page 10 of this paper;

**Amendments to the claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on  
page 11 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 16 of this paper.